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SUBJECT: ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING

REF: CANBERRA 4801

1. FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE GIVEN TO DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN FOR
JULY 2 NOON BRIEFING:

QUESTION: WHO WILL BE REPRESENTING THE UNITED STATES?

ANSWER: DEPUTY SECRETARY ROBINSON WILL BE REPRESENTING
THE US.

QUESTION: DOES THAT MEAN THE SECRETARY HAS CANCELLED HIS
PLANS TO ATTEND, AS A GESTURE OF UNHAPPINESS WITH PM
FRASER'S RECENTLY REPORTED REMARKS TO THE CHINESE PM ABOUT
AMERICAN LACK OF RESOLVE IN FOREIGN POLICY?

ANSWER: ABSOLUTELY NOT. THE SECRETARY'S PLANS HAD NEVER
BEEN MADE FINAL. INASMUCH AS PM FRASER WILL BE COMING TO
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THE US LATER THIS MONTH, HE AND THE SECRETARY WILL HAVE AN

OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AT THAT TIME. (DETAILED ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FRASER VISIT TO COME NEXT WEEK).

QUESTION: HASN'T THE SECRETARY OF STATE ALWAYS ATTENDED THESE COUNCIL MEETINGS?

ANSWER: WHENEVER IT HAS BEEN POSSIBLE TO DO SO THIS HAS BEEN THE CASE. FOR EXAMPLE, LAST YEAR SECRETARY ATTENDED THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD HERE IN WASHINGTON. THE YEAR BEFORE HOWEVER, DEPUTY SECRETARY (RUS;) REPRESENTED THE US. (NO MEETING IN 1973; SECRETARY ROGERS ATTENDED IN CANBERRA IN 1972).

2. SUBJECT WAS NOT RAISED BY PRESS AT NOON BRIEFING.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING DEPUTY SECRETARY'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND WILL BE MADE WHEN DETAILS MORE FIRM. KISSINGER

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